

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a fibre mat adapted for use in the manufacture of a fibre-reinforced device, said fibre mat comprising at least two essentially longitudinally extending and parallel batches of fibres, wherein the method comprises joining ~~that the batches are joined~~ by holder means ~~that span~~ spanning each batch at an angle in such a manner that the holder means ~~impart an influence~~ influences ~~to each batch which influence is~~ (1) essentially ~~symmetrical~~ symmetrically about an axis situated longitudinally between the batches and (2) essentially symmetrically about an axis spanning the batches at an angle perpendicular to the longitudinal axis.
2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the holder means comprise at least one thread; and wherein the method comprises conveying the at least one thread ~~which is conveyed~~ in a predetermined pattern above at least one of the batches.
3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the holder means comprise at least one thread; and wherein the method comprises conveying the at least one thread ~~which is conveyed~~ in a predetermined pattern below at least one of the batches.
4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the method comprises conveying the at least one thread ~~is conveyed~~ in a pattern that comprises cross-stitches.
5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the method comprises conveying the at least one thread ~~is conveyed~~ in a pattern that comprises stitches to be arranged longitudinally between the batches.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the fibre mat further comprises at least one further carrier layer; and wherein the method comprises ~~that~~ securing the batches ~~are secured~~ to the carrier layer with the holder means.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the method comprises conveying the thread ~~is conveyed~~ in stitches that have a length corresponding to one through ten times the width of a neighbouring batch.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ providing means ~~are provided~~ for handling a number of threads and means for handling a carrier layer and a number of fibres; and wherein the method comprises securing the major part of the batches ~~are secured~~ by the steps of:

- a) conveying a number of needles, each having a needle eyelet, being at a set of first positions between the batches ~~conveyed~~ through the carrier layer from a side located opposite the batches;
- b) seizing at least two threads ~~being seized~~ by each eyelet;
- c) closing the eyelets; ~~being closed~~
- d) pulling the needles ~~being pulled~~ through the carrier layer such that the at least two threads form a loop;
- e) opening the eyelets ~~being opened~~, and letting go of the threads ~~being let go~~;
- f) conveying each needle ~~being conveyed~~ through the loop that was formed in step d) of the at least two threads;
- g) conveying the needles at a set of offset positions ~~being conveyed~~ through the carrier layer;
- h) seizing at least two other threads ~~being seized~~ by the eyelet;
- i) pulling the needles ~~being pulled~~ through the carrier layer such that the at least two threads form a loop;

wherein the method comprises conveying each of the at least two threads ~~are~~, prior to step b), ~~conveyed~~ from opposite sides above or below a neighbouring batch of fibres.

9. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, ~~wherein providing~~ means ~~are provided~~ for handling a number of threads and means for handling a carrier layer and a number of fibre batches, and wherein the method comprises securing the majority of the batches ~~are secured~~ in the steps of:

- j) conveying a number of needles, each having a needle eyelet, being at a set of first positions between the batches ~~conveyed~~ through the carrier layer from a side located opposite the batches;
- k) seizing at least two threads ~~being seized~~ by each eyelet;
- l) closing the eyelets ~~being closed~~
- m) pulling the needles ~~being pulled~~ through the carrier layer such that the at least two threads form a loop;
- n) opening the eyelets ~~being opened~~, and letting go of the threads ~~being let go~~;
- o) conveying each needle ~~being conveyed~~ through the loop that was formed in step m) of the at least two threads;
- p) conveying the needles at a set of offset positions on the carrier layer, ~~being conveyed~~ through the carrier layer;
- q) seizing at least one thread ~~being seized~~ by the eyelet;
- r) pulling the needles ~~being pulled~~ through the carrier layer such that the at least one thread forms a loop;

wherein the method comprises conveying each of the at least two threads ~~are~~ prior to step k), ~~conveyed~~ in a pre-determined pattern, including preferably from opposite sides above or below, respectively, a neighbouring batch of fibres and longitudinally between a first and a second neighbouring batch.

10 (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the holder means comprise a second carrier layer; and wherein the method comprises ~~that is secured~~ securing the holder means to the first carrier layer by at least three joints or rows of joints that extend in parallel, whereby the first and second carrier layers with the joints ~~is form~~ forming a number of ducts in which the batches are arranged.

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the method comprises configuring the joints or rows of joints ~~are configured~~ by a process selected from a group comprising stitching, gluing and welding.

12. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the method comprises selecting the first carrier layer ~~is selected~~ from a group comprising a material which is permeable to resin, including in the form of fibres placed diagonally or transversally in relation to batches of fibres, a non-woven material, braided fibres and woven fibres, including glass fibres.

13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises conveying the threads ~~are conveyed~~ with a tensile force adapted such that a rounded contour is imparted to the batches in the transverse direction.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the method comprises adapting the amount of fibres in the batches ~~are adapted~~ in relation to the size of the ducts to the effect that a rounded contour is imparted to the batches in the transverse direction.

15. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the batches comprise fibres; and wherein the method comprises selecting the fibres ~~selected~~ from among a group comprising glass fibres, carbon fibres, fibres that possess less electrical resistance than glass fibres, and combinations of fibres of different materials.

16. (currently amended) A fibre mat adapted for use in the manufacture of a fibre-reinforced device, which fibre mat comprises at least two essentially longitudinally extending and parallel batches of fibres, where the batches are joined by holder means that span each batch at an angle, whereby an influence is imparted to each batch, said influence being (1) essentially symmetrical about an axis situated longitudinally between the batches and (2) essentially symmetrical about an axis spanning the batches at an angle perpendicular to the longitudinal axis.

17. (original) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the holder means comprise at least one thread which is conveyed in a predetermined pattern above at least one of the batches.

18. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the holder means comprise at least one thread which is conveyed in a predetermined pattern below at least one of the batches.

19. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 17, wherein the at least one thread is conveyed in a pattern that comprises cross-stitches.

20. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 17, wherein the at least one thread is conveyed in a pattern that comprises stitches that are arranged longitudinally between the batches.

21. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the fibre mat further comprises at least a first carrier layer; and comprises that the batches are secured to the carrier layer by the holder means.

22. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 17, wherein the thread is conveyed in stitches that have a length corresponding to one through ten times the width of a neighbouring batch.

23. (original) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the holder means comprises a second carrier layer which is secured to the first carrier layer by at least three joints or rows of joints that extend in parallel, whereby the first and the second carrier layer with the joints form a number of ducts in which the batches are arranged.
24. (original) A fibre mat according to claim 23, wherein the joints or rows of joints are configured in a process selected from a group comprising stitching, gluing and welding.
25. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the first carrier layer is selected from a group comprising a material which is permeable to resin, including in the form of fibres arranged diagonally or transversally in relation to batches of fibres, a non-woven material, braided fibres and woven fibres, including glass fibres.
26. (previously amended) A fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the batches comprise fibres selected from a group comprising glass fibres, carbon fibres, fibres that possess less electrical resistance than glass fibres and combinations of fibres of various materials.
27. (previously amended) Use of a fibre mat according to claim 16, wherein the use comprises VARTM moulding of a fibre-reinforced device.
28. (original) Use according to claim 27, wherein a device is moulded that is configured for being a constituent in/of a blade for a wind energy plant.